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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

My wife and I really need the cell phone for safety and security when away from home. We couldn't afford regular wireless service, and had it not been for Tracfone's reasonable rates for the little time we must use it, we couldn't have gotten wireless service. If the rate increase goes into effect we might have to lose it. I am a retired policeman and receive a very small pension. Even combined with social security, it still doesn't meet government poverty income levels.

Please consider this increase very carefully and be aware of how much it will adversely affect people like me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Charles Gwatney
737 Wolf Creek Rd.

CC: FCC Subcommittee Members